

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness. ~ Psalm 143:1
- Hold Harry Grabxr in prayer, along with Kathy and their family, as they consult with doctors and make decisions about his treatment and care. Pray for others you know who are struggling with cancer, including Mary N's grand-nephew Nick; Evan Dixxn, Kyle Yodxr, Rebecca's aunt, and Steve's nephew, Jim Lxpp. May God grant them strength to endure and peace that guards their hearts and minds.
- Remember with prayer and kindness those who are unable to attend worship, including Mary Kay K., Ellie K., Sam P., and Hilda Y.
- Pray for farmers and their families as the harvest season has begun, that they may experience safety as well as encouragement and joy in seeing the fruit of their labors. Pray for God's provision for farmers in parts of the world who have lost crops due to flood, drought or displacement.
- Ohio Conference moderator, Terry Shux, recently had to step down from that role due to other heavy responsibilities at his work at Central Christian School in Kidron. Pray for Terry and the school. Pray that conference leaders can quickly find a new person to serve as moderator.

As the number of Covid-19 cases in our area continues to rise and community spread is very high, please take appropriate precautions (using masks and distance) given your own health factors and the vulnerability of those you come into contact with.

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything.

Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will guard your hearts
and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4:6-7

Prelude

Call to worship

Gathering song: We gather together – H #17

Psalm of joy – adapted from Psalm 63

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you.

**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

I will bless you as long as I live;

I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

**for you have been my help,
and in the protection of your wings I sing for joy.**

Offering & prayer

Hymn: When peace like a river – H #336

Dedication of comforters & school kits

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9

Message: Joy Unites

Hymn of response: O Spirit of the living God – H #361

Sharing: reflections on the scripture, joys, requests, thanksgivings

Intercessory prayer

Sending song: God of grace and God of glory – H #366 (v.1 & 4)

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual reports for the Congregational Business meeting in October are due in the church office by Wed. Sept. 29. Thank you to those who have already submitted their reports.

Today. The pillowcase **dresses** for Guatemala and **notes** of encouragement for Deb Bylrx need to be given to Brenda Montgomxry.

Women Serving in Love are sharing some of our accomplishments this morning: 12 comforters and 33 school kits made & donated by the women. These items will be going to Mennonite Central Committee in Akron, PA via Kidron in the near future. From there, they are distributed to areas of need, such as Cambodia, Haiti and DR Congo.

Deb Bylrx will share about her ministry in Guatemala during a Zoom conversation on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 7 pm (Eastern Time). Deb will talk about her work to empower and provide resources for Kekchx women church leaders. She will focus especially on goals for her last year of ministry with them. Join Deb at this link:

<https://MCUSA.zoom.us/j/97029079087?from=addon>

Add the **Men's Breakfast** to the 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. on your October calendar. Those events were accidentally omitted.

Next Sunday, Oct. 3, we plan to recognize our kinship with Christians around the globe - World Communion Sunday. You are encouraged to prayerfully prepare your heart and mind to receive communion and renew your baptismal commitments.

Recommendations from the Gifts Discernment Committee for people to serve in ministry positions for the upcoming year(s) are in your mailboxes today. Please prayerfully consider these recommendations, note your affirmation &/or concerns, and return the form to the box in the hallway by October 3. Thank you!

Do you love books and organizing them? If so, please talk with a Gifts Discernment Committee member about serving as Bethel's librarian. (That role was inadvertently left off of the volunteer nomination list sent earlier.) - Ken S., Janet, Carl, Rebecca

A reminder: When you would like to **reserve rooms** of the church for personal use, or **borrow tables and chairs** from the church, contact Miriam in the church office. In addition to clearing it with her, please

write the items you are borrowing in the small black book that is on the shelf beside the microwave. Then note in the book when the borrowed items have been returned. To **borrow kitchen equipment**, contact Linda Hostetlrx and also write the items in the black book before and after use.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship.

2:30 p.m. – Green Hills worship, led by Rebecca via zoom

WEDNESDAY

12-2:00 p.m. – West Liberty Cares Food Pantry

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. – Elder Leadership Team

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast. Liberty Gathering Place

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship & communion. Speaker, Tony Doehermxnn.

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Carl Newcomxr

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 36 Sunday School: 17

*Your generosity empowers our collective work
for God's kingdom purposes. Thanks.*

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – September 26

Worship leader: Dick Lindemxn

Music leader: Byron Kauffmxn

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Ken & Jeanette Hostetlrx

Sound: Lori Lehmxn

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Byron Kauffmxn

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Speaker: Tony Doehermxnn

Greeters:

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